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Excellence in Agriculture award winners announced

The Wyoming Department of Agriculture has announced the winners of the 2008 Excellence in Agriculture Awards. These winners were chosen based on their outstanding record of support or service to Wyoming's agriculture industry. The Wyoming Department of Agriculture will honor winning individuals and businesses at an awards ceremony on Friday, August 15th at the Wyoming State Fair. The winners will be recognized at the PRCA rodeo at 7 p.m. in the Grandstand.

Six awards will be given to recognize individuals or organizations that have significantly contributed to different areas of Wyoming agriculture. Award categories, winners and the section of the Wyoming Department of Agriculture presenting the award are as follows:

- Pacesetter Award - Jim Magagna, Cheyenne - Administration
- Cooperating Contributor to Agriculture Award - Rod Oliver, Laramie - Analytical Services
- Outstanding Service Award - Pat Kirk, Gillette - Consumer Health Services
- Friend of Agriculture Award - Kathleen Jachowski, Cody - Natural Resources and Policy
- Excellence in Agriculture Industry Supporter Award - Keith Kennedy, Egbert - Technical Services
- Outstanding Fair Supporter Award - Jackalope Catering/The Diner - Wyoming State Fair and Rodeo

Each award winner will be presented with a custom-made belt buckle and a commemorative plaque.

The Excellence in Agriculture Awards is held every year during the Wyoming State Fair and Rodeo.

For more information about the awards program, please contact Mary Neese at (307) 777-7396. Tickets for the PRCA rodeo can be purchased at the Wyoming State Fair Office.

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